

Skatepark Advisory Task Force #3

Meeting Summary
5/18/2006

Task Force Members Present: *George Blomberg, John Carr, Jelani Jackson, Matt Johnston, Jeanne Krikawa, Scott Shinn, Nin Troung*

Task Force Members Absent: *Joe Bell, Susanne Friedman, Christine Larsen, Joyce Moty*

Guests: *Catherine Anstett, Steve Arai, Laura Weigel*

Public Comment Period

There were no public comments.

Schedule Review and Upcoming Meeting Dates *(Catherine Anstett)*

Ms. Anstett provided flyers for the upcoming public meetings and notified the Task Force (TF) that the flyers are also posted on the website. Any changes in meeting dates are listed on the projects webpage:

<http://www.seattle.gov/parks/projects/Skatepark.htm>

TF members committed to attending the public meetings as follows:

June 14 – George Blomberg, John Carr, Matt Johnston, Jeanne Krikawa, Joyce Moty, Scott Shin

June 15 - Joe Bell, George Blomberg, John Carr, Jelani Jackson, Matt Johnston, Jeanne Krikawa, Joyce Moty, Scott Shin

June 17 - George Blomberg, John Carr, Jelani Jackson, Matt Johnston, Jeanne Krikawa, Scott Shin

Highlights of Skatepark Tours *(John Carr)*

John briefly discussed the recent Skatepark Tours. Several comments were made by those on the tours:

- Another facility visited is located next to the local jail
- Skateparks integrated into a large park appeared to be the most successful
- Having the appropriate amount of space available for a particular design is important creating a successful skateable area
- Fencing around skate facilities can be dangerous for skateboarders because it hurts if crashed into
- Marginal Way is an example of where skateboarders are required to practice their sport without accessible legal facilities. The built-by-skateboarders parks is located under a bridge and isn't a "life affirming experience"

AJEM will make boards for the public meetings showing each of the skateparks visited, the pros and cons of each design and will identify the typology.

John then took the opportunity to discuss the idea of a "media blitz." John provided a list of media contacts and said that with the approval of the TF he would like to inform the media of the skatepark planning process. John will be talking to the media as a citizen not as a representative of the TF. There were no objections to John taking on this responsibility.

Approval of Final Draft Criteria *(Steve Arai & Laura Weigel)*

Steve and Laura presented the DRAFT Site Selection Criteria based on input provided by TF members over the last several weeks via email. Based on additional feedback Laura will provide a REVISED DRAFT to the TF. After receiving approval from the TF a REVISED REVISED DRAFT criteria will be posted on the project website by June 10, 2006 and discussed during the first round of public meetings.

There was a general consensus that redundancies need to be edited to the extent possible and when feasible the active voice should be used. Several TF members stressed that the criteria should be considered for the well-being of the neighborhoods as well as for the well-being of skateboarders. It was agreed that this will be addressed in the assumptions about all sites:

- No site selected will replace/remove existing active uses (ex. Ball fields, tennis courts)
- No site selected will impact environmentally sensitive areas
- Sites will have adequate area available for appropriate skatepark typology
- Sites will be distributed equitably geographically throughout the city
- Criteria were developed for the benefit of neighborhoods and skateboarders equally

After the criteria have been revised based on feedback today AND feedback through the public process each applicable criteria will be given a weight by typology. Then each potential site will be scored with the weighted criteria. Sites with higher scores will be given priority over those with lower scores.

Specific criteria changes suggestions will be reflected in the REVISED DRAFT Criteria.

PowerPoint Presentation & Discussion *(Steve Arai and Laura Weigel)*

Based on the outline presented at TF Meeting #2 and feedback from the TF Laura developed and presented a draft powerpoint presentation for the first round of public meetings. Although there were several comments regarding presentation content, which will be addressed in the revised powerpoint, the general consensus was that the presentation framework paints a clear picture of the concerns that both neighbors and skaters will want to discuss.

Finalize Public Meeting Format and TF Assignments (Steve Arai and Laura Weigel)

The Question & Answer portion of the public meeting will focus on technical questions and comments from the public. AJEM, the TF and Parks will attempt to respond to all questions. Due to time constraints and the desire to hear as many questions as possible there will be a two minute limit per question and per response.

In addition to the Question & Answer portion of the meeting there will be time set aside for people to mill about the room where a number of boards will be displayed:

- City-wide Skatepark Planning Timeline
- General Skateboarding Information
- Typology System
- All 4 Typologies & Criteria
- Location Suggestions
- Site Visit Board/s
- Ways to provide feedback

A TF member will be placed at each typology board and will be prepared to explain each criteria, answer questions and record comments. A TF member will also be assigned to the "Location Suggestion" boards to record the public's ideas for the location of potential skateboard facilities. In addition to recording potential location ideas, sites with strong opposition will also be recorded. A comment box will also be provided.

Laura will contact TF members to identify which boards they would like to present. Those TF members will report to the public meetings half an hour early.

Key Points

- Site selection criteria will be applied considering the concerns of neighbors and skateboarders.

Public Meeting Dates:

Wednesday, June 14 7-9 p.m. Rainer Community Center
Thursday, June 15 7-9 p.m. Southwest Community Center
Saturday, June 17 1-3 p.m. Green Lake Public Library

Next Task Force Meeting Date
100 Dexter, Park Board Room
6/29/2006

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